

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract on page 13 with the attached revised Abstract (clean version).

A marked-up version of the revised Abstract, showing the changes made therein, is set forth below.

ABSTRACT

An arc welding method using a welding material having a low transformation temperature, ~~characterized in that it is carried out by~~ involving the use of a shielding gas ~~consisting of~~ containing a rare gas alone or a mixed gas of a rare gas and a small amount of an oxygen gas; and an additional welding method using a welding material having a low transformation temperature, ~~characterized in that it is carried out~~ which is performed while moving a weld line in the form of a straight line.

The former method allows the enhancement of a Charpy value in combination with improved fatigue strength, and the latter allows the experience of heat history of the material having a low transformation temperature to be suppressed, resulting in the prevention of weld crack in combination with an improved fatigue strength.